

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 4, 1952
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Drake presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Present also: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney; C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works.

Councilman Johnson moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle.

The Council greeted some Seventh Grade Students from Fulmore School.

MR. DARBY HAMMOND appeared again regarding the Fan Marker in the Crestview and Violet Crown Additions, and the television disturbance it caused. He stated that the C.A.A. did not intend to do anything about it, and that it did not consider the people; and that it had told the City Manager that the fan marker would not cause any interference. He read a letter from Lt. Hunley, Jr., who had made a study of this matter and then read a portion of a letter from the Regional Director in Fort Worth. He requested that the Council try to do something about this and request the C.A.A. to remove or relocate this to some other area out of town. Councilman Long suggested a study to see if there were some other place to put it, and to appeal to the Congressman and Senator.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAME, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN MAY 6, 1937, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "K", PAGES 159-179, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 12(a) OF ARTICLE III RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The Mayor announced the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE OF

THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY AMENDING A PORTION OF SECTION 2, DEFINING BOULEVARD STREET, BY ADDING MANOR ROAD, FROM EAST AVENUE TO AIRPORT BOULEVARD, TO THE LIST OF BOULEVARD STREETS ENUMERATED IN SAID SECTION; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
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CHANGE IN THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin has found that in order to serve the fast expanding areas in the northwestern portion of the City it is necessary to extend the water system of the City of Austin by constructing a new water plant in that area adjacent to the Colorado River; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined as a fact that the tract of land hereinbelow described, along with contiguous tracts, is suitable as a location for the new water plant, and that a public necessity exists for its acquisition; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has further found that public necessity requires that a public street be acquired and dedicated through and across said tract of land; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that the City of Austin, through its duly authorized representatives, has negotiated with the owner of said tract and has failed to agree with said owner on the market value of said tract, or the consequential damages, if any, to such owner; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds as a matter of fact that it is necessary for the City of Austin to acquire the tract of land hereinbelow described through the exercise of the power of eminent domain; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed, to file or cause to be filed against all owners and lienholders, a suit in eminent domain to acquire fee simple title of the following described tracts of land:

TRACT NO. 1:

1.24 acres of land, being a portion of a 6.04 acre tract, a part of the C. J. Strother Survey in conflict with the T. J. Chambers Survey in Travis County, Texas, said 6.04 acre tract being also known as Lot No. 2 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision of the C. J. Strother Survey in Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 127, Travis County Plat Records as described in a deed from Henry Hoes and wife, Mrs. Candis Hoes to Mrs. Emable Eby, as recorded in Travis County Deed Records in Book 715, page 503, as surveyed for the City of Austin, Texas, Department of Public Works by the Metcalfe Engineering Company, 1011 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas.

BEGINNING at an iron stake and rock mound in the northwest line of the C. J. Strother Survey and the southeast line of the Albert Silsbee Survey in Travis County, Texas, for the southwest corner of a 6.04 acre tract of land, a part of the C. J. Strother Survey in conflict with the T. J. Chambers Survey in Travis County, Texas, and being also the southwest corner of Lot No. 2 and the northwest corner of Lot No. 1 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision of the C. J. Strother Survey in Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 127, (some records show Plat Book 1, page 127,) Travis County Plat Records as described in a deed from Henry Hoes and wife, Mrs. Candis Hoes to Mrs. Emabel Eby as recorded in Travis County Deed Records in Book 715, page 503, and from which iron stake and rock mound an Elm 4" in diameter marked \bar{X} bears N. $59^{\circ} 40' E$ (8.4 varas) 23.33 feet, an Elm 5" in diameter marked \bar{X} bears S. $19^{\circ} 10' E$ (7.9 varas) 21.94 feet and an Elm 3" in diameter marked \bar{X} bears S. $88^{\circ} 15' E$ (7.0 varas) 19.44 feet;

THENCE with the south line of the said 6.04 acre tract and being also the south line of Lot No. 2 and the north line of Lot No. 1 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision, S. $60^{\circ} 00' E$. 215.6 feet to an iron stake and rock mound, in the east line of the C. J. Strother Survey and the west line of the Daniel J. Gilbert Survey in Travis County, Texas, for the southeast corner of the said 6.04 acre tract, being also the northeast corner of Lot No. 1 and the southeast corner of Lot No. 2 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision, and from which iron stake and rock mound a Live Oak 12" in diameter marked \bar{X} bears S. $6^{\circ} 25' W$. (78.3 varas) 217.5 feet and a Live Oak 10" in diameter marked \bar{X} bears S. $77^{\circ} 45' W$. 25.5 varas) 70.85 feet;

THENCE with the west line of the Daniel J. Gilbert Survey and the eastline of Lot No. 2 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision of the C. J. Strother Survey, being also the east line of the aforesaid 6.04 acre tract, N. $35^{\circ} 53' E$. 231.75 feet to a concrete monument at the most westerly corner of Lot No. 8,

Block No. 6, Colorado Foothills, Section No. 3, a subdivision of a portion of the Daniel J. Gilbert Survey according to a map or plat as recorded in Plat Book 5, page 146, Travis County Plat Records;

THENCE N. 57° 01' W. 239.64 feet to an iron stake and rock mound in the northwest line of the C. J. Strother Survey and the southeast line of the Albert Silsbee Survey, being also in the west line of a 6.04 acre tract, Lot No. 2 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision;

THENCE with the northwest line of the said C. J. Strother Survey and the southeast line of the Albert Silsbee Survey, being also a west line of the said 6.04 acre tract, Lot No. 2 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision, S. 30° 00' W. 243.13 feet to the place of the beginning, containing 1.24 acres of land.

TRACT NO. 2:

1.16 acres of land, being all of that portion of Lot No. 1 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision of the C. J. Strother Survey in Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 127, Travis County Plat Records as recorded in Book 1253, page 253, Travis County Deed Records as surveyed for the City of Austin, Texas, Department of Public Works by the Metcalfe Engineering Company, 1011 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas.

BEGINNING at an iron stake and rock mound in the northwest line of the C. J. Strother Survey and the southeast line of the Albert Silsbee Survey in Travis County, Texas, for the southwest corner of a 6.04 acre tract also known as Lot No. 2 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision of the C. J. Strother Survey in Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 127 (some records show Plat Book 1, page 127,) Travis County Plat Records, as described in a deed from Henry Hees and wife, Mrs. Candis Hoes to Mrs. Emabel Eby as recorded in Book 715, page 503, Travis County Deed Records, and said iron stake being also the northwest corner of Lot No. 1 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision of the C. J. Strother Survey as described in a deed from Mary Helen Burr to Emabel Lear Eby as recorded in Book 1253, page 253, Travis County Deed Records, and from which iron stake and rock mound an Elm 4" in diameter marked X bears N. 59° 40' E (8.4 varas) 23.33 feet, an Elm 5" in diameter marked X bears S. 19° 10' E. (7.9 varas) 21.94 feet and an Elm 3" in diameter marked X bears S. 88° 15' E. (7.0 varas) 19.44 feet;

THENCE with the south line of the said Mrs. Emabel Eby 6.04 acre tract, being also the south line of Lot No. 2 and the northeast line of Lot No. 1 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision of the C. J. Strother Survey as recognized and used upon the ground, S. 60° 00' E.

215.6 feet to an iron stake and rock mound for the southeast corner of the said Mrs. Emabel Eby 6.04 acre tract, being also the southeast corner of Lot No. 2 and the northeast corner of Lot No. 1, in the southeast line of the C. J. Strother Survey and the northwest line of the Daniel J. Gilbert Survey, and from which iron stake a Live Oak 12" in diameter marked X bears S. 6° 25' W. (78.3 varas) 217.5 feet and a Live Oak 10" in diameter marked X bears S. 77° 45' W (25.5 varas) 70.85 feet;

THENCE with the southeast line of the C. J. Strother Survey and the northwest line of the Daniel J. Gilbert Survey, being also the southeast line of Lot No. 1 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision, S. 35° 53' W. 264.58 feet to a large nail in the center of Mt. Bonnell Road, for the southeast corner of that portion of Lot No. 1 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision as described in a deed from Mary Helen Burr to Emabel Lear Eby as recorded in Book 1253, page 253, Travis County Deed Records;

THENCE with the south line of said Emabel Lear Eby Tract, being also the center of Mt. Bonnell Road, N. 50° 08' W. 117.57 feet to a large nail in the east end of the bridge over Huck Slough;

THENCE with the south line of the said Emabel Lear Eby tract and with the center line of said Mt. Bonnell Road, being also the center line of said bridge, N. 56° 14' W. 72.67 feet to a large nail at the intersection of the northwest line of the C. J. Strother Survey, and the southeast line of the Albert Silsbee Survey, being also the northwest line of Lot No. 1, P. C. Taylor Subdivision, for the southwest corner of that portion No. 1 as described in a deed from Mary Helen Burr to Emabel Lear Eby;

THENCE with the northwest line of the C. J. Strother Survey and the southeast line of the Albert Silsbee Survey, being also the northwest line of Lot No. 1 of the P. C. Taylor Subdivision of the C. J. Strother Survey, N. 30° 00' E. 238.37 feet to the place of the beginning, containing 1.16 acres of land.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves as a filling station site the property located at the northwest corner of the intersection

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED VALUE</u>
1952	Merchandise	60	0
	Equipment	40	0
		<u>100</u>	

And the City Tax Assessor and Collector is authorized and directed to make such change in the tax rolls.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote;
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1952, the City Council appointed a citizens' committee composed of E. W. Jackson, Frank Erwin, Mrs. Charles F. Mitchell, Lynn Anderson, E. C. Bartholemew, Charles Birdwell, A. C. Bull, Ed Idar, Perry Jones, W. Astor Kirk, William Koen, Mrs. Oscar E. Maurer, W. F. McNamara, R. P. Roberson and Dr. O. D. Weeks, to serve as a Charter Committee to study the present Charter of the City of Austin and to recommend comprehensive amendments thereto; and,

WHEREAS, such citizens, as a committee and as individuals, in regular meetings and personal study and labor, diligently and patiently devoted their and efforts, without remuneration, to studying the present charter and suggestions for its improvement; and,

WHEREAS, after nearly a year of thorough and studied work the Committee has presented recommendations for comprehensive amendments to the Charter to the City Council; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Council expresses its appreciation to E. W. Jackson, Frank Erwin, Mrs. Charles F. Mitchell, Lynn Anderson, E. C. Bartholemew, Charles Birdwell, A. C. Bull, Ed Idar, Perry Jones, W. Astor Kirk, William Koen, Mrs. Oscar E. Maurer, W. F. McNamara, R. P. Roberson and Dr. O. D. Weeks, for their valuable contribution to the people of Austin in preparing recommendations for amending the Charter of the City of Austin.

The City Clerk is directed to record this Resolution in the Minutes of the Council, and to send a copy to each member of the Charter Committee as a token of the Council's appreciation.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

MR. HERMAN JONES presented the following:

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS"

Now comes K. M. Fisher, of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, hereinafter called Applicant, and, pursuant to Section 75, Art. XII, of the Taxicab Ordinance of the City of Austin, files this his application for approval by the Honorable City Council of the transfer to Applicant by D. F. Samuel and Frank Morgan of the franchise now held by the Red Ball Taxi, and in support of such application respectfully shows:

The said D. F. Samuel is the owner of the business known as Red Ball Taxi, and as such holds a franchise from the City of Austin authorizing the operation of twenty-five (25) taxicabs. Such business and franchise are now under lease by the said D. F. Samuel to Frank Morgan, the said Frank Morgan being granted in said lease agreement an option to purchase said business and franchise. Such lease agreement and option have heretofore been approved by the City Council.

Applicant has entered into a contract to purchase such business and all assets connected therewith, including said franchise, and Applicant is to receive the interest of both the said D. F. Samuel and Frank Morgan in said business and franchise, the purchase being conditioned upon approval thereof by the Honorable City Council.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that the City Council approve the transfer of such business and franchise to him.

Respectfully submitted
JONES, HERRING & JONES
By Herman Jones
Attorneys for K. M. Fisher

Councilman White moved that the transfer be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

In discussion of the above transfer, Mr. Herman Jones explained the matter and stated that at the present time the company would continue to operate as the RED BALL TAXI, although sometime in the future Mr. Fisher might want to combine the operations.

The Council had before it the application of HERBERT NASSOUR for change of zoning at 804 South 1st Street and 804 Rear South 1st from "A" Residence to "B" Residence, which application had been recommended by the Zoning Commission. Councilman White was interested in the use of this property as a rest home. Mr.

FISHER A. TYLER, representing the NASSOURS, stated it was their plan to rent this to someone who would like to have a rest home there. Discussion was held on additional property being given for a street through. Mr. Tyler stated Mrs. Nassour would be willing to do more than her part. The matter of the street was referred to the City Manager to study and contact Mr. Tyler. The Mayor asked that all those who favored upholding the recommendation of the Zoning Commission, granting the requested change, and instructing the City Attorney to draw up the necessary ordinance to say "aye"; those opposed say "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The matter of a contract for "Rent-a-car" Service at the Airport was again before the Council. Councilman Long thought further information from other cities along this line should have been obtained, but she felt that one man was here in business, and his offer of \$100.00 per month or 15% of the gross revenues was as good as the other offer of \$150 or 10%. MR. TRUEMAN E. O'QUINN represented Mr. Farmer, City Rent-a-Car, Inc. Mr. Meeks, Hillard's Rent-a-Car, spoke in his behalf. After detailed discussion, Councilman Johnson moved that the contract be awarded to the CITY RENT-A-CAR, INC. (HERTZ). The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The Council had before it the zoning application of A. L. PETERSON ESTATE for change of zone at 4001-05 Alice Avenue and 4000-04 Marathon from "A" Residence to "C" Commercial. This application was not recommended by the Zoning Commission. The Mayor asked that all those in favor of upholding the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and denying the change to vote "aye"; those opposed, vote "no". Roll Call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, White
Noes: Councilman Long, Mayor Drake
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The request was denied as it failed to receive the necessary four-fifths vote to overrule the recommendation of the Zoning Commission.

The Council received notice from the City Manager that the following applications for change of zoning had been referred to the Zoning Commission:

B. E. MILBURN	4600-4716 and 4601 to 4715 East 7th St.	From "A" Residence To "D" Industrial
J. M. RHOADES	813-839 Airport Blvd.	From "A" Residence To "D" Industrial

The Council received the following Resolution passed by the SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE of the AUSTIN REAL ESTATE BOARD and the AUSTIN HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION:

RESOLUTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

WHEREAS, proper city planning is one of the most important functions of city government and results in enormous long-term benefits to the people of a city;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has been without a head for its Planning Division for an extended length of time and has operated without a Planning Department with sufficient authority or budget for operations;

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available to the city through fees for building permits, zoning changes and other activities in connection with planning and developing operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Subdivision Committees of the Austin Real Estate Board and the Austin Home Builders' Association, as follows:

1. That the city council take immediate action to select a head of the Planning Department with sufficient authority and salary to secure a man of considerable ability.
2. That the head of the Planning Department be given departmental rank of equal status with other city departments.
3. That in the budget for 1953 the City of Austin shall set up adequate funds for the payment of salaries and operating expenses for a city Planning Department adequate to care for the needs of the city occasioned by the rapid development and growth so that such development and growth shall proceed in an economical and orderly manner.
4. That copies of this resolution shall be presented to the city council, the city manager and the Austin newspapers.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTES OF THE COMMITTEES, as of the 1st day of December, 1952.

(S) W. L. Bradfield
Chairman of the Subdivision Committee
of the Austin Real Estate Board

(S) W. H. Bullard
Chairman of the Subdivision Committee
of the Austin Home Builders' Association

The City Manager stated there were two likely prospects for a Planning Engineer. MR. DORNBERGER, University of Texas, appeared stating the Architects and Engineers of the Community were also interested in a Planning Engineer, but that this was an important matter and should be carefully considered and the City should hire a Planner of adequate professional stature. The City Manager recognized Mr. Dornberger's help in trying to find a good man.

The Council received a petition from residents of South Austin for lights on Bouldin and James; South Third at James and Columbus Streets. The petition was referred to the City Manager for study.

Councilman Johnson moved that the City employees be given December 25th, 26th and 27th as Christmas Holidays. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Discussion was held on calling an election for a Charter Amendment. Councilman Long was anxious to have public hearings. The City Attorney explained the procedure to be followed in a Charter Amendment Election. Councilmen Long and White did not want to be in a hurry in calling the election. Mayor Drake read a telegram from Councilman MacCorkle suggesting that the Council hold a public hearing on December 8th. MR. N. V. SUAREZ expressed opposition to holding a public hearing Monday stating he would not be prepared to appear in a public hearing as he could not get the information necessary. The Mayor stated the League of Women's Voters and the Charter Committee had recommended that the election be held prior to the general election. MR. JULIAN CLOPTON appeared in opposition to calling an election immediately. Councilman White stated he did not believe the people would be familiar with the amendments, and be able to vote on them in January. The City Manager stated the people would have until January 31st to study them. Councilman Long moved that the public hearing be held Wednesday night. (December 10th) The motion, seconded by Councilman White lost in a tie vote as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, White
Noes: Councilman Johnson, Mayor Drake
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The Mayor stated a hearing Monday night would give a good indication of what the people thought. After more discussion, the Mayor called a Special Meeting of the Council for 10:00 A.M., Monday, December 8, 1952.

Councilman Johnson moved that the Council meet Wednesday, December 24th instead of Thursday the 25th. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Councilman White inquired of the City Manager if the arrow would be placed back on the light at East Monroe and Congress. He stated there had been a bad wreck there recently, and thought the arrow could be put back on the light. The City Manager stated he would give him the results of the study and reasons as to what could be done; that he would have a new study made.

Councilman Long inquired about the ordinance regarding the East Avenue setback.

The Council adjourned at 12:15, subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED: W. S. Drake

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elaine Hoosley
City Clerk